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CANTON'S PLANS.

THE PROPOSED NORTHERN EXPEDITION.

TWO OBJECTIVES.

Reports are to hand from Canton in regard to the suggested military expedition against the North. It is being stated that the plans are rapidly nearing completion.

In this connection, it is stated that orders have been given to the 20th Super-Disciplined Division, under Wong Pak-ling, to be in readiness for inspection at a moment's notice by General Chang Kai-shek.

Since the troops of that Division are stationed at different points, the 2nd Regiment, which is at present quartered at Nam Tong, on the outskirts of Canton, will be inspected first, the other two regiments to be inspected by rotation, the 2nd Regiment then being sent out to temporarily relieve the regiments stationed outside.

It is further reported that, since the return of the representative of Fong Poon-yan, Tuan of Kiangsi, a telegram has been received from Nanchang stating that the Kiangsi army against Wu Pei-fu is now being mobilized on the Hupeh frontier under the chief command of General Chang Chok-pun. The strength of this army is said to be three divisions. In view of this information, the recent council of the high military officers in Canton is said to have unanimously approved an early declaration of war against the Northern War Lords.

Since then, four Russian officers have been assigned as military advisers to each of the six Army Corps.

Another report says that Mr. V. Sung, the Treasurer, has been ordered to set aside five million dollars for the exclusive use of the troops in the Northern campaign. This money is to be the reserve fund of the Army on active service. Funds are to be secured from the Land Office taxes, on a new scale of taxation, these to be entirely devoted to the requirements of the coming campaign.

Military circles state that in the campaign one Army Corps will be assigned for service in co-operation with General Tang Seng-che, Tuan of South Hunan, to attack Chao Hing-teh in the event of his refusing to carry out the agreement recently come to. The objective will be Wuchang. Two Army Corps are to be allotted to co-operate with Kiangsi, their objective also being Wuchang; while three Army Corps are designated to enter Fukien and Chekiang if Sun Chuan-kuang comes into alliance with Feng Yu-hsiang and the Canton Government. Otherwise, the objective will be Nanking. Should these two objectives be attained, it is intended to convene a National Convention for the purpose of forming a People's Government, deciding where the capital of the Republic shall be, and framing a Constitution.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

DELAYED BY BAD WEATHER.

Rugby, March 8. Alan Cobham, who was to have left Cairo to-day for Sollum on his return to London, has been delayed by unfavourable weather, but hopes to proceed to-morrow. *British Wireless.*

EUROPEANS INJURED IN ACCIDENTS.

LADY THROWN OUT OF RICKSHA.

POLICE SERGEANT HURT.

Mrs. Staple, the wife of Mr. K. K. Staple, an overseer of the Public Works Department, was injured yesterday by being thrown out of a ricksha in Queen's Road East when the vehicle came into collision with a motor car.

The chauffeur has since made a report to the police that the accident occurred when he swerved to one side of the road to avert a collision with another car which had overtaken and passed ahead of him. The second car did not stop after the accident.

Mrs. Staple was not seriously injured, though the force of the impact could be judged by the fact that one of the wheels of the ricksha was smashed. Mrs. Staple was taken in the car to the Naval Hospital, where her injuries were attended to.

SERGEANT INJURED.

Sergeant Simpson, the Police footballer, was injured in an accident brought about in a curious way, in the New Territories yesterday. It appears that while driving his motor cycle and side-car on the road between Sheung-shui and Lokmachiou, he overtook a bus, from which a bamboo pole protruded. The sharp end of this pole caught him in the side and caused a rather serious wound which has necessitated the Sergeant's removal to hospital.

MISSING DEBTOR.

ADJUDICATION ORDER MADE.

Some time ago a Chinese, named Pang Lai-ting, was publicly cross-examined in the Bankruptcy Court after which he disappeared, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

The case was mentioned by the Official Receiver, at a Bankruptcy Court this morning. He said since the debtor had absconded, an adjourned meeting of the creditors had been held, and a resolution for adjudication in bankruptcy passed.

The resolution was that the Official Receiver be appointed trustee. There was a further provision that a special manager should carry on until a certain date, but as a matter of fact the business had been disposed of.

An order for adjudication was made.

U.S. MINE DISASTER.

FORTY-EIGHT MEN ENTOMBED.

New York, March 8. Reuter's correspondent at Blue Fields, West Virginia, states that a double explosion occurred in a mine near Eccles.

Twenty-eight miners were entombed by the first shock and twenty by the second.

Escaping gas prevents rescue work being carried out. *Reuter's American Service.*

U. S. & WORLD COURT.

LAWYER'S MOTION REFUSED.

Washington, March 8. The United States Supreme Court has refused to entertain a motion by Lawyer Benjamin Gatchings to restrain the United States from participating in the World Court on the alleged ground that participation would be unconstitutional. *Reuter's American Service.*

L 33 CRIPPLED.

SUBMARINE STRUCK BY TAI O FERRY.

STERN DAMAGED.

The British submarine "L 33," floating serenely on the top of the water just off Green Island shortly after ten o'clock this morning, was considerably damaged in collision with a fairly large ferry boat which came up from the rear and struck her, it is said, bow on.

The ferry, the Yew Sing, was bound for Tai O, Lantau Island, her normal trip, having left her wharf, near Jardine's wharf at West Point, at approximately ten o'clock.

The coxswain, so far, has not returned to the office of her agents to give his version of the accident, having apparently continued his

THE NORTHERN WAR.

Yesterday's Bombardment of Taku.

Tientsin, March 8. Three gunboats took part in this morning's bombardment of Taku.

Communications between Chingwangtso and Tongku are now completely cut off, owing to the blowing up of the bridge over the Han River.

The Peking-Mukden Railway now only holds one day's supply of coal, whilst the Kailan Mining Administration has notified the newspapers that no further orders for coal can be accepted, the sales offices closing tomorrow until further orders. *Reuter.*

trip to Tai O, but it would appear that he did not sight the submarine until too late, for the launch seems to have run straight into the stern of the naval craft, "sitting" on her stern, smashing both propellers and her rudder and leaving her practically helpless.

The submarine was just off on a Southern cruise, but the damage is so extensive that her departure for Singapore, which we understand was her destination, will be indefinitely postponed. She has now been towed back into the Naval Yard.

No person was injured.

The owner of the Yew Sing is Mr. Ng Yee-po, of 14, High Street, and her agents are the Tung Shing, of the same address.

Later information received states that the Yew Sing has been damaged below water near her bows, but the extent thereof cannot be ascertained until an examination of the hull is made.

FRENCH CRISIS.

M. BRIAND MAY STAY.

Paris, March 8. M. Briand on his arrival here from Geneva said he was most satisfied with the results of his trip to Geneva.

M. Briand, after visiting President Doumergue, at the Elysee, conferred at length with parliamentary leaders. The general impression is that he will form a Cabinet, retaining most of his colleagues, with M. Caillaux or M. Poret, as Minister of Finance. *Reuter.*

DANGEROUS KOWLOON CORNER.

STRONG PLEA FOR URGENT ACTION.

UNOFFICIAL IGNORANCE.

There have been several occasions in the past when the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council have displayed a most regrettable ignorance regarding the subject matter, under discussion, but we have known of no recent occasion on which a greater lack of knowledge was shown than yesterday afternoon, when the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council considered a vote for the completion of the work of improving the Po Hing Theatre corner, at the junction of Nathan and Coronation Roads, Kowloon. The vote was not approved because it was felt that "the matter was one which might be left over until later" and we would like to know how many of our Unofficial Members know of the state of that corner to-day, because if they had known what that corner was like now, they could never have come to such a ridiculous decision.

So far as the actual roadtrack is concerned, the obstructing hill has all been removed, even some of the kerbing has been laid; there was a steam roller at work on Sunday and the road only needs a little macadam and some tar and the thing (so far as actual traffic needs are concerned) is finished. The vote of \$55,000 which was shelled must either be for work that has already been done and not yet paid for, or for a lot of work extraneous to finishing off the roadway, and we wish to enter as strong a protest as possible against leaving the corner in the state it is to-day.

It is over seven years that Mr. B. L. Frost, later President of the Kowloon Residents' Association, began to agitate for the removal of the hill. The detour was dangerous—obviously so; and after many representations the Government decided to put the work in hand. Ever since, the place has been turned into a common quarry—a place where the working and dressing of stone has been put foremost to the task of clearing away a dangerous traffic obstruction. In the meantime, the growth of traffic has, with the development of the motor bus services and the opening up of Shamshui po and Mongkok, been enormous, but, in suffering the tardiness of the P.W.D. and its contractors, motorists and road users generally have been consolded by the thought that when all the stone has been worked and played with the road will be opened. And now, when everything has been done except the very last stage, our Officials calmly say that the matter is not urgent and suggest a postponement of its completion. The Director of Public Works had the grace to argue that it was a very bad turning, but there is something really ludicrous when he and the Chairman of the Committee (the Colonial Secretary) state that the greatest danger in not completing the work now, will arise from mosquitoes breeding in the water pools left by Government workmen. Surely, they ought to have kept in mind the original objection against the corner—it's dangerous nature. Hundreds of "wobbly" motor buses, crowded with passengers, slowly negotiate the curve every day, and if only our Unofficial Members would have the grace to go and have a look at the place and so know what they are talking about, they might come to the conclusion that, in the interests of public safety the completion of the new line of roadway, so that it can be used by traffic, is urgently desirable.

from the practical and the aesthetic point of view, and the neat and attractive terraces to be found here and there in Singapore represent the first local attempts to get away from the shop-house idea.

The reason why European houses are so hard to find is that very little building was done during the slump years, while the European communities in the larger towns have probably increased. Unfortunately this field does not seem to interest the speculative builder, who will tell you that the prices of labour and materials are such that he cannot build, having regard to the rent he would receive; and it is true that it would require a small fortune to erect proto-types of the huge, barnlike edifices which sprawl across our suburbs. But the local speculator, who is rarely European, does not realise that European tastes and standards in the matter of housing are changing.

These large houses are legacies of a more lavish generation, of the spacious days of colonial life, and very roomy and pleasant they are to live in, but nowadays they require too much furniture and too many servants to keep up, and the small, compact type of bungalow, with three bedrooms, a dining room, and veranda, and a tennis court in the compound, is all that is wanted. This type is now beginning to appear in Malayan towns, and especially in Singapore, where the Harbour Board, driven by the necessity of housing their large European engineering and wharf staff as economically as possible, have done valuable pioneer work in this direction, and any of their neat little bungalows which fall vacant are always eagerly sought after by outsiders.

There is no further news respecting the vessel, which was described by the lighthouse-keeper as resembling a river steamer of about 300 tons. In the first place a suspicion arose that she was a Macao steamer, but no vessels on that run have been reported missing.

The information relating to a smaller steamer which had been pirated and which was found by the Durban, has not been added to.

CAIRO-CAPE FLIGHT.
FURTHER PROGRESS DEPORTED.
London, March 8. The Royal Air Force flyers have arrived at Malakal, Sudan. *(Continued on Page 18.)*

HOUSING NEEDS.

PROBLEM FOR MALAYA EUROPEANS.

CHIEF FACTORS.

In nearly every town in Malaya (says the *Telegraph*, Singapore correspondent) an acute housing shortage is being felt by the European community, and very little is being done at present to meet the demand, at any rate so far as the resident who is expected to find for himself in the matter of housing is concerned. The Government and Municipalities provide quarters for their officers, and incidentally, it is always easy to tell an official house in the Singapore suburbs by its frank and expensive ugliness. On the other hand, the quarters built for the subordinate services are very successful, both

for the planter's lot has always compared unfavourably with that of the "office wallah" in Singapore or Penang.

In theory, a planter should have no difficulty in saving money, but in practice it requires considerable ingenuity, not to say will-power, to do so. He has to run a bungalow, keep a couple of servants, and get his stores from the nearest Chinese village, where the astute shopkeeper compensates himself for very generous credit by judicious manipulation of his price-list.

Probably the planter indulges in the luxury of cold storage supplies from town once or twice a week, and any savings that may accumulate, while he is on the estate melt like snow in the sun when he comes down to Singapore to taste of the delights of civilisation once again. The lessons of the slump, when hundreds of men were thrown out of their jobs, and Europeans were driving taxis on the Singapore streets to make a living, are likely to live in the memory of the generation which lived through those distressful times, and it was therefore with very great relief that the planting profession and the country as a whole heard the announcement that a Provident Fund for planters was at last an accomplished fact.

The difficulties in the way were very considerable, and they would never have been surmounted but for the genuine desire of the planting companies to see the scheme established. The companies have agreed to contribute dollar for dollar, and the scheme should remove the worst bogey of the planter's existence—his inability to make provision out of his salary for retirement.

For the former generation of planters there were opportunities of making money which no longer exist. Land was plentiful, and there was no difficulty about getting it on easy terms, so that the average planter, if he had a modicum of business instinct, became in the course of time a proprietor. Nowadays, good jungle land has to be paid for handsomely, even if it is available, and one hears rumours that estates are finding it difficult to get land, although there are huge areas of "jungle left in the country." But as far as the estate assistant is concerned, the chances of making a fortune no longer exist, and promotion is slow these days, so that from every point of view the Provident Fund—which makes the planter who joins it save money whether he wants to or not—is the best thing that has ever happened in the planting profession.

COMPLAINTS OF "CRIMPING."
Since the Admiralty have "crimped" labour for the naval base, with complete disregard of the requirements of estates on Singapore Island, it is scarcely surprising if an occasional manager up country follows their example. There is still a great shortage of labour throughout the peninsula, and Chinese coolies are demanding and getting the equivalent of five shillings a day. In fact, Chinese labour is getting so difficult to handle that even

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SERIOUS TROUBLES IN SHEKKI.

REFUGEES FLOCKING INTO HONGKONG.

BIG STRIKE REPORTED.

Some thousands of refugees from Shekki have arrived in Hongkong during the past day or two in consequence of troubles in that district. Most of them have reached the Colony via Macao, and they have presented a pitiable plight on arrival here.

The trouble first started in Shekki as a result of employees of the fish and vegetable markets going on strike. The Labour Department at Canton sent a deputy to the spot in order to arbitrate in the dispute, but latest reports show that the negotiations fell through. The situation has since become very serious. All the Labour Unions, having a membership of more than 100,000, have become involved in the strike. Communication by land and water is seriously interrupted.

The people in Shekki and the surrounding villages are in a state of consternation and anxiety, and there is a fear that the present situation may be seized as a golden opportunity for the bandits who are known to infest this district in small numbers. Latest reports state that everything is at a standstill.

It is reported from another source that in view of the gravity of the situation at Heungshan, which may spread to other adjacent districts, the Canton Government has deputed both civil and military high officials to settle the matter with all despatch.

LOCARNO TREATY.

MATTER FOR IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Rugby, March 8. Mr. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions, replying to a number of questions in the House of Commons, said it was proposed to discuss fully the Locarno Treaty with the Dominions at the forthcoming Imperial Conference.

On the question as to whether the communications which had passed between the British Government and the Dominions would be published, Mr. Amery said that they were official communications leading up to a decision of policy, like communications within a Cabinet, and were not always of a character which it was desirable to publish. *British Wireless.*

THE MYSTERY SHIP.

H.M.S. DURBAN OFF BIAS BAY.

H.M.S. Durban, sent out on a midnight chase of the mystery ship which passed Waglan on Saturday evening without acknowledging signals, spent last evening anchored off Bias Bay and up to the time of our going to press had not returned.

There is no further news respecting the vessel, which was described by the lighthouse-keeper as resembling a river steamer of about 300 tons. In the first place a suspicion arose that she was a Macao steamer, but no vessels on that run have been reported missing.

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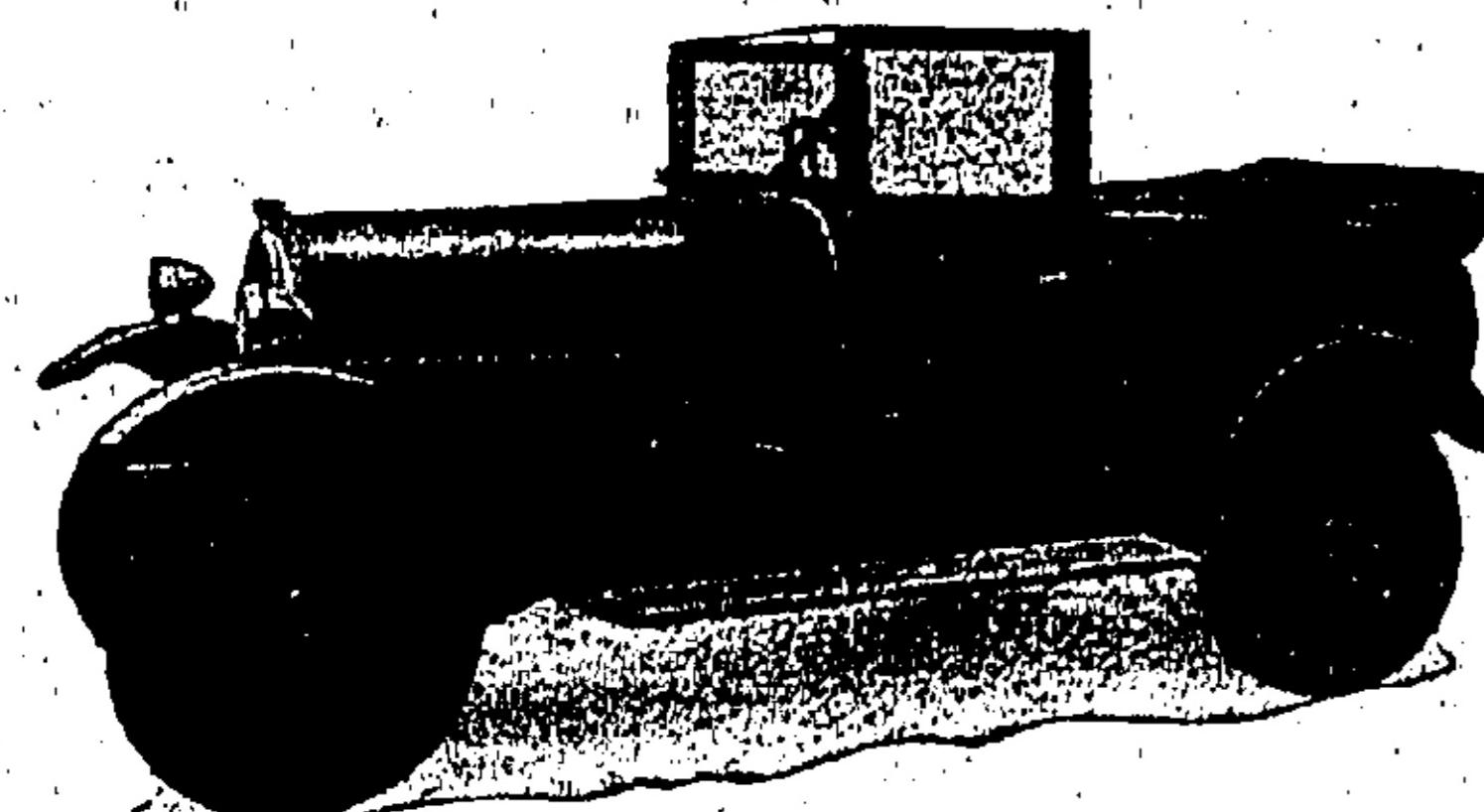
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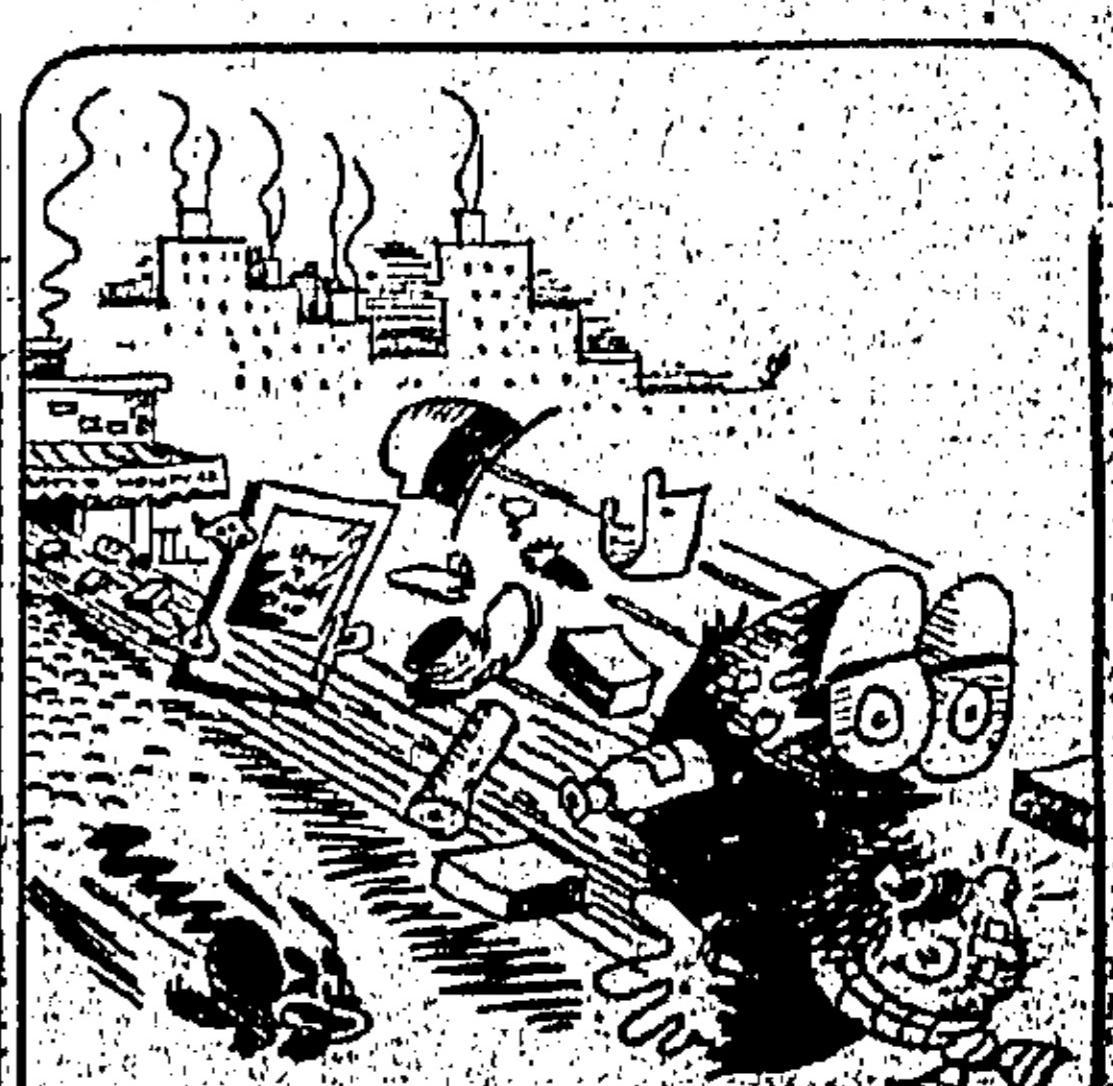
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The Chairman: I do not suppose they are being done now.

The Director of Public Works:

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Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: As regards Victoria Hospital, can the Director tell us whether the original estimate has been exceeded?

The Director of Public Works: These are for additions to the main block and the estimate has been increased because additional requirements have had to be provided.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Apart from that, has the original estimate been exceeded?

The Director of Public Works: No, not apart from that.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What about the Fire Brigade? Has the original estimate of cost been exceeded there?

The Director of Public Works: The revised estimate is \$1,450,000. It was not proposed to go on with that, but His Excellency the Governor suggested the other day it was desirable and suggested that an estimate of the cost should be made.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What is the reason for that?

The Director of Public Works: I have not got a list with me, but there have been a great many additions. For instance, one item is furniture \$70,000. I can supply all the figures required.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: One of the items is for certain quarters at Canton.

The Chairman: They are being built in conjunction with the Straits, from whom we shall get a certain refund.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Are they

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Is it dangerous?

The Director of Public Works:

It is not actually dangerous, but it is a very bad turning and for some considerable time it will be very difficult to keep it free from stagnant pools of water.

The Chairman: That is the serious objection—the mosquito question.

The Director of Public Works:

I should like to point out that a large number of these items are urgently required. For instance, Victoria Hospital we hoped to have completed last year. No funds were voted this year and unless we get this money we shall be incurring expenditure and unable to pay for the work done. All these items, or the majority of them, were voted last year.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: How do you propose to finance these?

Hon. Colonial Treasurer: My opinion is that they ought to have been put in the estimates. We ought to economise elsewhere now. This is for a million and a half.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Which has not been budgeted for. This year's estimates are not worth the paper they are written on.

The Chairman: These items certainly arose out of the disorganisation of last June.

The Committee expressed approval of all the items with the exception of the improvement of the corner near the Po Hing Theatre in Nathan Road, which it was felt might be left over until later.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Seventh Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Friday, 12th March 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st March to 12th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1926.

G. R. NOTICE.

TO OWNERS OF DOGS.

The Public are hereby warned that on and after March 10th, 1926 all dogs found straying and wandering between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. will be shot.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent
of Police.

March, 3rd, 1926.

NOTICE.

Traffic arrangements for the Investiture at Government House on Saturday, the 13th inst.—

From 10 a.m. until after the Investiture is over, traffic to and from Caine Road will be diverted by way of Arbuthnot Road for east bound traffic, and Lower Albert Road for west bound traffic.

All traffic in Queen's Road and Garden Road will be stopped from 10.50 a.m. to 11 a.m. and for a similar time on H.R.H. Prince George's return journey.

Cars will be parked on the north side of Upper Albert Road, west of Government House.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1926.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

REMINDER.

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in the Institute on Wednesday, 10th inst. at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

THE MID LEVELS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak Road, on Tuesday, the 9th March, 1926, at 6.30 p.m. precisely.

Agenda: To receive the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

To elect a Committee for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.

And for such other business as may occur.

E. S. C. BROOKS,
Acting Hon. Secretary &
Hon. Treasurer,
9, Queen's Gardens.

The Acting Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive the names of those persons willing to serve on the Committee for the current year.

Hongkong, March 1, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 26th March, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.,
Ltd.

Hongkong, March 5, 1926.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The address of the Hon. Secretary is as follows:

Mrs. John Hunt,
Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.
Tel. Kowloon 1371.
Hongkong, March 5, 1926.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,
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No. 5 Duddell Street.

Dated 24th February, 1926.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. J. Reid and Mr. K. E. Greig to sell by Public Auction,

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Firehearth Gear, Iron Mattresses,
Water Closets and Pans, Life
Belts, Carpets, Rugs, Mats, Table
Covers, Blankets, Counterpanes,
Curtains, Overcases, White Tiles,
Leather and Metallic Hoses, Canvas
Tubing, Old Cordage, Canvas Rags,
Old India Rubber, Old Leather, Old
Woolen and Linen Rags, Metal
Propellers, Old Paint Drums, Old
Cork, New Canvas Cuttings, Old
Iron and Steel, Old Brass, Copper,
Lead and Zinc, Copper and Brass
Tubes, Coal Sacks, Brown Jean,
Wood and Iron Blocks, Lamps, Lan-
terns and Gear, Gauges, Old Steel
Tubes, Old Steel Wire Rope, Dirty
Mineral Oil, Olive Oil and Oil Fuel,
Chain Cable and Gear, Drilling and
Grinding Machines, Lathes, Steam
Hammer, Davits, Pinnace, Cutter
and Dynamo Engines, Chairs, Com-
passes, Binnacles, Logs, Clocks,
Iron, Drums and Tanks, Old Bunting,
Fire Engine, Engines and
Boats Boilers, Rigging Chain, Wire
and Fibre Brushes, Glass Tubes,
Table Fans, Baths, Anvils, Forges,
Vices, Miscellaneous Tools, Iron-
mongery, Protective Mattresses,
Filters, Air Compressors, Seine
Nets, &c., &c., &c.

Lots may be inspected on Monday,

8th March, 1926.

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TYPHOON TUG TRIALS.

SATISFYING PERFORMANCE OF KAU SING YESTERDAY.

Fire Equipment Tested.

The trials of the new rescue tug, the Kau Sing, were carried out yesterday in the Lama Channel, when the boat gave a very satisfactory performance, attaining the speed of 12 knots over an average of runs.

The tug, with a distinguished party on board, left her moorings off Blake Pier at 10:30 and returned to harbour at 4:30. The company numbered about 30, among whom were Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole (Harbourmaster); Captain E. D. C. Wolfe, (Captain Superintendent of Police); Messrs. Sherman, Greig, P. J. Taylor, G. F. Taylor; R. Hall, McMurray, C. C. Nelson, Captain Thompson and Captain Innes.

The vessel proceeded to the Lama Channel and carried out her trials over the measured three miles, and on the average of three runs, made only a decimal point less than 12 knots. She maintained full speed until three p.m. during which time opportunity was taken to test the water tower jets and these too, proved in every way satisfactory.

Tiffin was served on board and the success of the Kau Sing was toasted, but there was no speech-making. The guests were greatly impressed with the excellent accommodation for both officers and crew, and also with the capabilities of the boat and her substantial equipment.

It is understood that anchor trials and compass adjustment will be carried out to-day.

"Kau Sing" means "Saving Star."

As has been stated, the chief duties of the tug will be: typhoon rescue work; relief trips to Pratas station; and pumping, by steam, water for fire fighting.

COMPANY REPORT.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-seventh ordinary general meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., to be held at the offices of the company, St. George's building, on Wednesday, March 17, at 11 a.m., states:

The Board of Directors have now to lay before the shareholders a Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Gross Profit for the year is \$678,348.29

The amount brought forward from the previous year 14,566.52

\$592,904.81

After allowing for Directors' and Auditors' fees, etc. \$9,658.70

Writing off 10% for depreciation on the Company's Buildings, Machinery, Launches, Lighters, etc. 67,236.53

76,895.23

The Balance to be dealt with is \$516,000.58

which it is recommended should be applied as follows:

To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per share on the Old shares \$320,000.00

To pay a Dividend of 10.666 cents per share on the New shares 42,966.66

To place to Reserve for New Plant 100,000.00

and carry forward to the credit of next year's account 53,912.92

\$616,009.58

Directors.—Under Article XII (1) of the Articles of Association, Messrs. R. G. Shewan and Conrad F. Mendham retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstedt, Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Chartered Accountants, who are eligible for re-appointment.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

DESPERATE SITUATION.

London, March 8. The far-reaching effects of the French financial crisis, which it describes as grave indeed, is subjected to a searching analysis by the *Times* in a leader. The paper is of opinion that one of the chief obstacles to European reconstruction is the unsolved French financial problem. This domestic problem is of a character so intimate, vital and fundamental, that the position of France in Europe, and the exact part she will henceforth play in international affairs will depend largely on its radical solution.

The Treasury is nearly empty after months of agitated discussion. No provision has been made to cover the increasing deficit or to put the finances on a sound basis. With the prospect that the situation will grow desperate, many bewildered minds in France are beginning to play with the idea of desperate remedies.—Reuter.

London, March 8. The papers are baffled by the present obscure position as the result of the French crisis, the ultimate consequences of which only the future can unveil.

The lack of any developments at the week-end in Paris, or Geneva—at least on the surface—has produced nothing with which to enliven the abstruse arguments about France's economic, political and psychological plight. Meanwhile, it is felt that the legal complexities of the French delegation's position loom as an alarming shadow over the bright hopes centred on Geneva.—Reuter.

A FALL INTO THE STREET.

FATAL PANIC DURING POLICE RAID.

Attempt to Jump From One Verandah to Another.

The fatal fall of a man who attempted to jump from one verandah to another was referred to at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Major C. Wilson conducted an inquiry into the man's death.

The evidence showed that Senior Revenue Officer Watts and other officers entered the second floor of No. 3, Sun Street, Wanchai, on February 19. When they got to the stairway leading to the second floor they heard sounds of a disturbance inside, and then shouting in the street.

Going to the street it was found that a man was lying unconscious in the roadway and had apparently fallen considerable distance.

Returning to the second floor of the house occupants told the officers that two men had run on to the verandah and one had fallen into the street.

The injured man was identified as an opium seller, and officers found evidence that there was an opium divan in the house. It was stated that the principal tenant had gone to Macao since the occurrence.

A witness said that he saw a man jump from one verandah to another and then run into a house. It was further stated that there was no actual eyewitness of the other man's fall, but that an arm at the end of a verandah, used for drying clothes, had been broken as if a man had fallen on it. Apparently the man had fallen about 30 feet.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

TALUTAO LIGHT TO BE RE-EXHIBITED.

London, March 8. The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Marine Department of the Maritime Customs at Shanghai, under date March 1.

Notice is hereby given that the Talutao Light, approach to the Yalu River, extinguished during the winter season, will be exhibited again at sunset on the 15th March, 1926.

Wreck at Woosung.

Harbour Notification No. 10 issued at Shanghai under date March 1, is as follows:

Notice is hereby given that the Japanese motor vessel Foochi Maru, lies sunk 350 feet due east of the southern end of the Railway Wharf at Woosung.

A mark boat is moored over each end of the wreck. Each mark boat exhibits a green flag by day and a green light over a white light by night.

Vessels are cautioned not to pass between the mark boats.

CHINESE CIVIL WAR.

FIGHT AT TAKU.

Tientsin, March 8. At daybreak this morning, Fengtien gunboats off Taku fired on the Kuominchun shore batteries, who replied, this resulting in an artillery duel of an hour and a half. The foreign ladies at Taku have left for Tientsin.—Reuter.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

New York, March 8.

The wireless telephone conversations with London have been entirely successful at this end.

London speakers were as clearly heard as over the local lines. Asides like bells tolling the hours, shuffling feet and the hum of voices, were clearly distinguishable.—Reuter's American Service.

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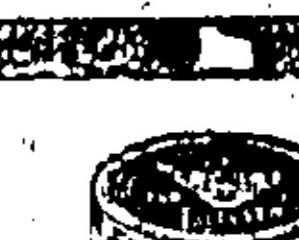
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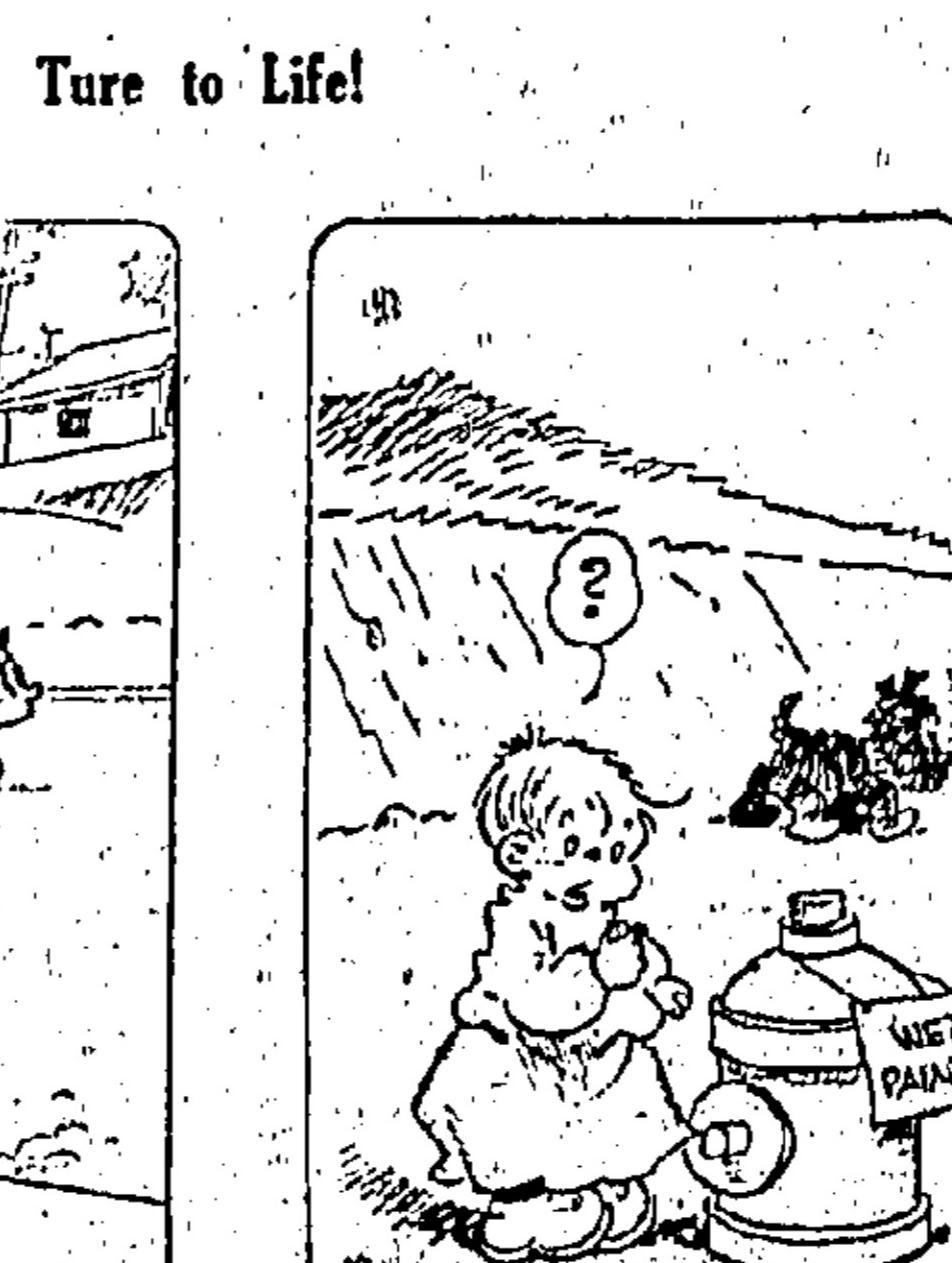
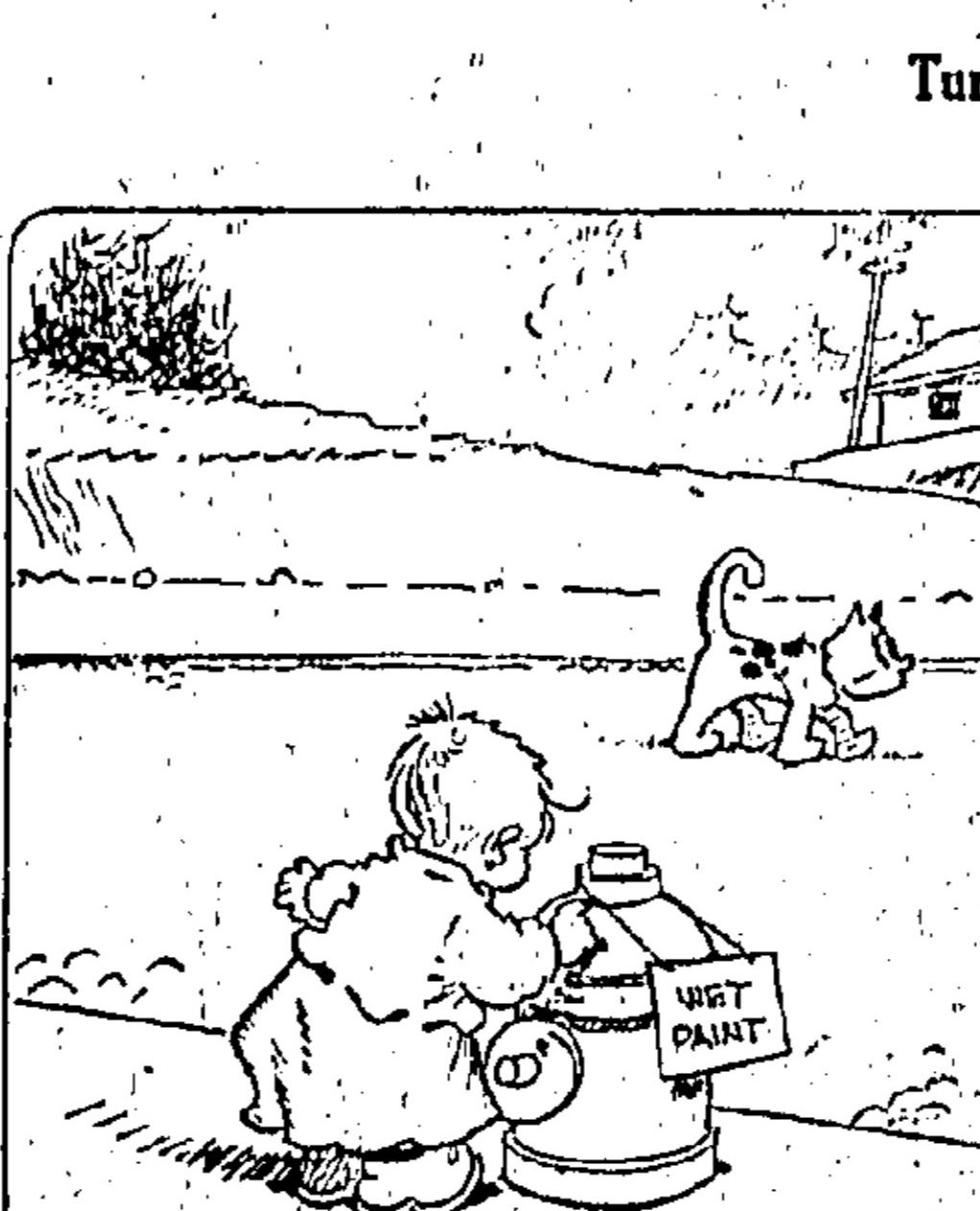
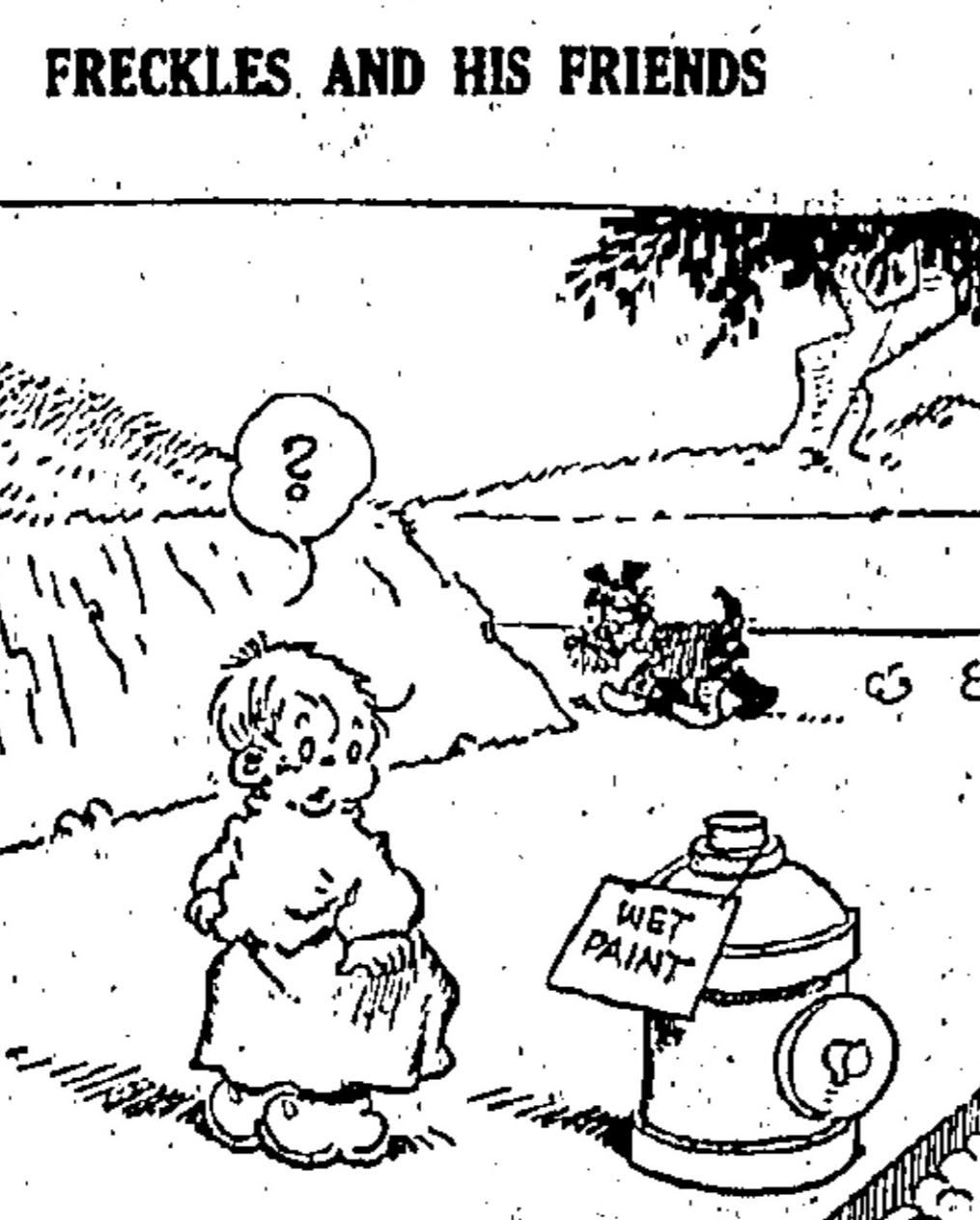
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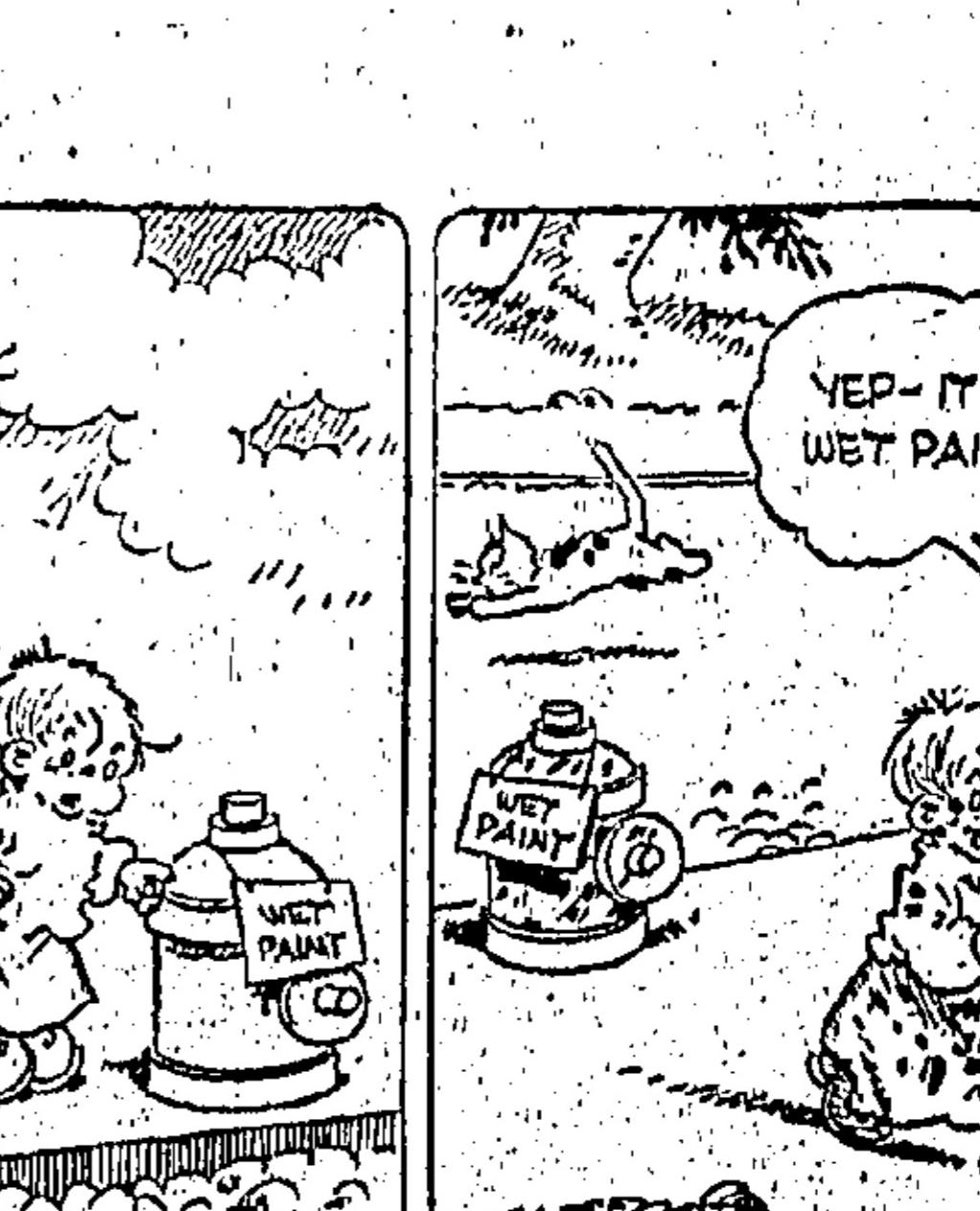
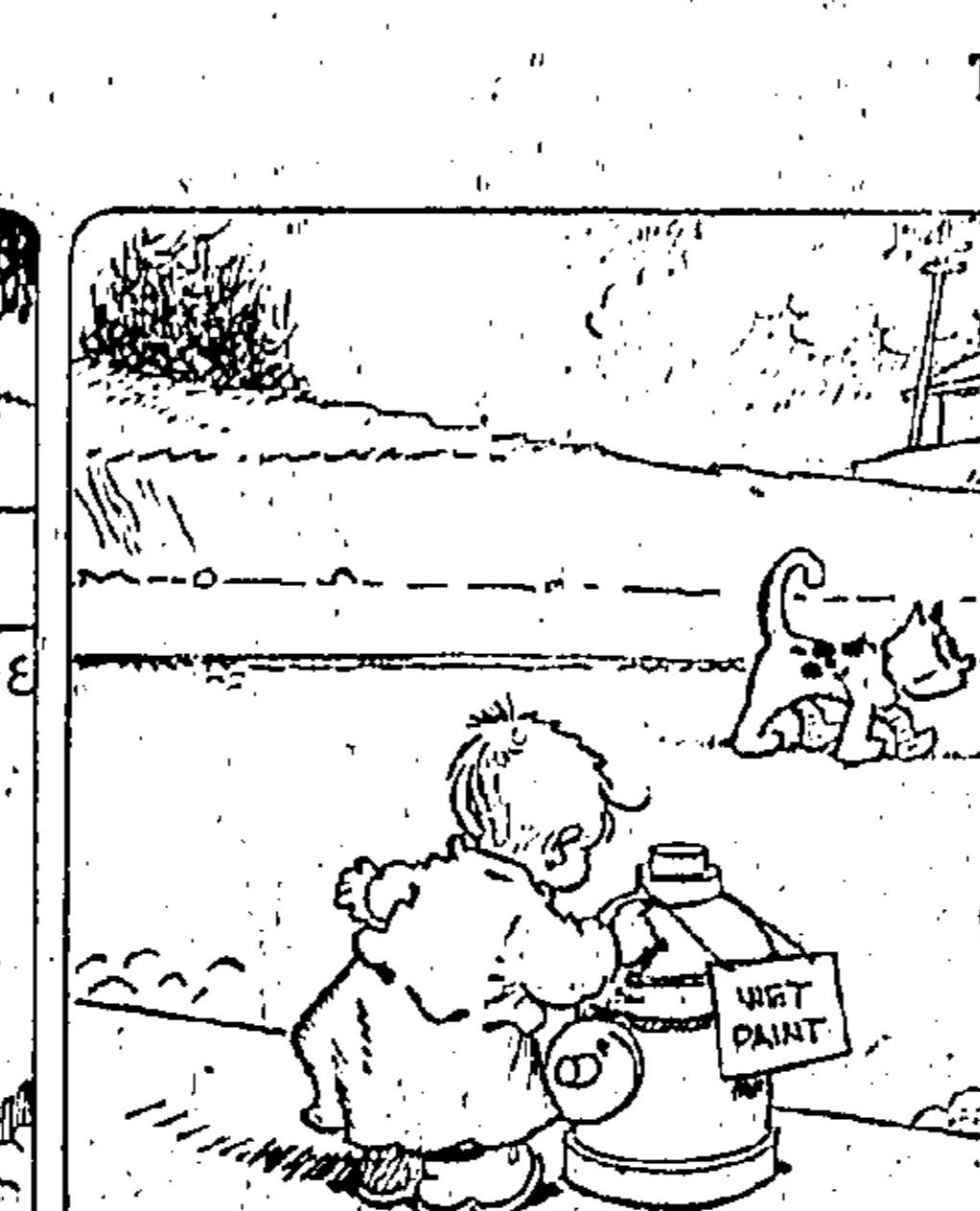
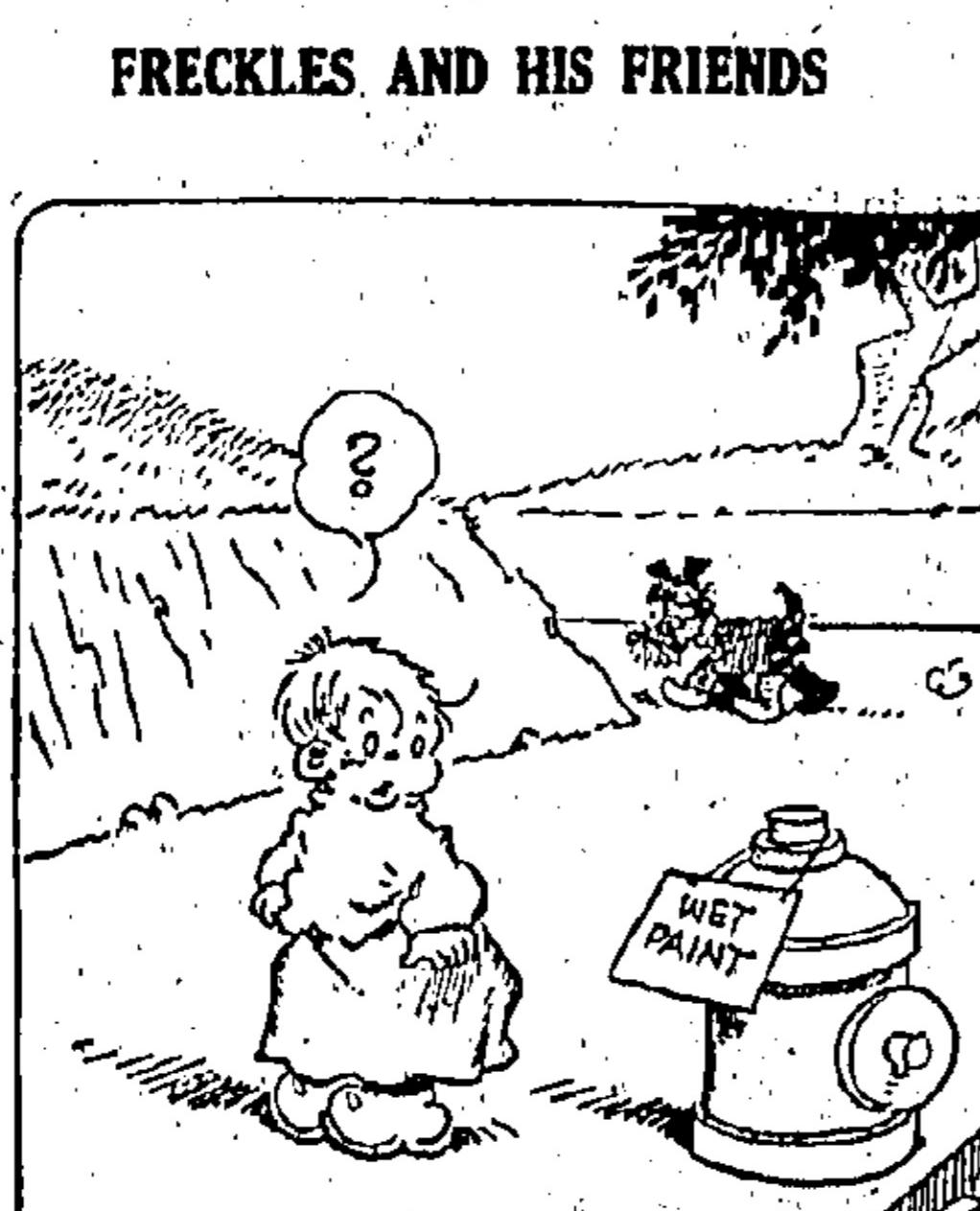


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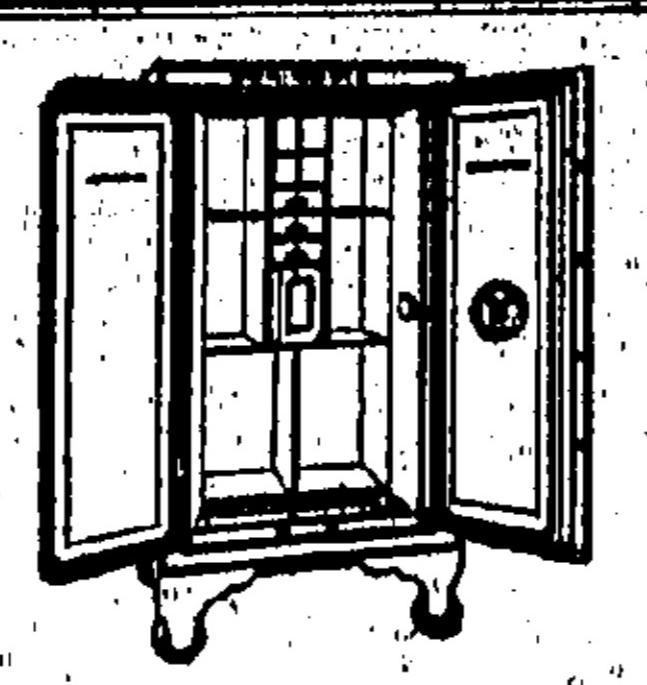


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The Telegraph.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1926.

BLAME THE POLITICIANS.

When M. Briand exclaimed "Ours is an awful profession" he spoke, so far as France is concerned, a truism of the present day. The paradox exists that with France as prosperous as she has been in many years the national finances are verging on bankruptcy because the necessary taxation will not be sanctioned by her politicians. M. Briand has fought a tremendous fight for weeks past to get an adequate scheme of taxation through the Chamber and the Senate, and, in company with M. Doumer, the Minister of Finance, has achieved more than any of his many immediate predecessors—all of whom lost their majorities because of differences of opinion on the taxation question. At the very last moment, when it seemed that M. Briand was going to have a victory because he had steered his measure through the Senate, the Chamber vote goes against him by a narrow margin causing a crisis that surprises even the opponents of the measure, causes the resignation of M. Briand and his Cabinet, and leaves France unprovided for in the matter of funds to meet demands soon falling due. Surely there has been no parallel in modern times of this tomfoolery of politicians.

On February 7th, the London Times received from its Paris correspondent a despatch saying that both the press and public were growing more and more impatient with the long drawn out financial debate in the Chamber, which had then already lasted a month (and which has lasted for one further month since). One of the writers in the Paris press described the apparently endless feud between M. Doumer and his parliamentary critics as "clowning, not legislating," and a writer on the same day in Le Matin said "The Chamber is giving an impression of impotence, and every day that passes is worsening the situation and rendering a remedy more difficult. Is France to go, under while a few hundred imbeciles bandy words? France is dying and still they play politics." What has happened since that time has only added proof to the fact that it is the game of party

politics—played by men who have thought more of their party than of their country—which has landed France in the serious predicament in which she now finds herself. The Radicals will not support the Left bloc, neither will they coalesce with the Right. The Socialists were primarily responsible for the downfall of M. Briand because they did not like his Payments Tax proposals. And so on. The financial downfall of France at a time when, by every other token, she should be in the heyday of boom prosperity, can and must be laid, not at the door of the ordinary French citizen, but at the door of little-minded politicians with whom everyone has grown thoroughly out of patience.

The future does not look too hopeful, for, as Reuter says in the latest messages, it would be comparatively easy to get someone to stand as Premier in succession to Briand but the great difficulty is to get a working majority in the Chamber for any one set of proposals. The dissolution of the Chamber looms up as the ultimate solution, although the waste of time taken up by a general election would have disastrous effects on the financial situation unless something unprecedented were done to tide over the interim period. The future is all obscure, but friends of France will heartily wish for her a quick riddance of these piffling politicians of a party system which has run riot.

Intimidators.

Dr. S. W. Tsu spoke some sound words to students of the Sacred Heart English School on Sunday, when he took occasion to compliment them on having continued with their studies in spite of the efforts of intimidators to persuade them to go out on "strike." As he remarked, those intimidators claim to act under the name of patriotism and liberty, whereas in point of fact their actions quite belie their words. It is surely the very opposite of liberty to seek to frighten schoolboys from pursuing studies which will serve them well in after years. With every lad, the right to learn is one to be safeguarded in their own interests, but it is that very right which the intimidators would take away. The mischief-makers whose only concern in life is to preach the doctrine of destruction know that the more ignorant the masses, the greater is their chance of imposing on them; and that is probably one of the reasons why their agents, the paid intimidators, pay so much heed to young students. What we want to see amongst the Chinese of this Colony is a fearless attitude in the face of the foolish threats made by professional intimidators. By this time it must surely have dawned on the majority that such threats are so much empty nonsense. That is clearly shown by the hundreds of workers and students who have remained indifferent to the propaganda of the intimidators and who have suffered no ill consequences as a result of remaining at their posts. We believe that by degrees the intimidator is being assessed amongst the workers of this Colony at his true value, and that as time goes on he will find it increasingly difficult to make the least impression on those who have come to know him for the bluffer that he is.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, March 8.
To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

Paris	135
Brussels	107
Amsterdam	12.11
Berlin	20.40
Copenhagen	18.72
Vienna	34.48
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	24
Buenos Aires	45%
Shanghai	3/0%
Yokohama	1/2.3/15
New York	4.85%
Geneva	25.24
Milan	121.10
Stockholm	18.12
Oslo	22.70
Prague	104
Madrid	34.49
Rio	74
Bombay	1/6%
Hongkong	2/4%
Silver (spot and forward)	30.7/10

Speaking later as one "sincere" desirous to promote the interests of India Sir Alexander Muddiman deeply regretted the incident and said he would miss Nehru's speeches on the frontier policy and the South African problem.

A further shock was administered to the Legislators when Mr. Patel, the Indian President, after a speech advising the Government only to transact the business necessary for the administration and avoid controversial mutter, adjourned the Assembly until to-morrow, to everybody's amazement.—Reuter.

DAY BY DAY.

WE MAY COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS WITH THE WHITE ROBE OF CHARITY.—Becher.

It is reported that General Chu Pui-tuk has assumed the office of Chief of the Commissariat Office of the Canton Army.

A Chinese woman was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday from her home after taking an overdose of opium in an attempt to commit suicide.

A report from Canton states that the Government has decided to abolish the School of Law, but that as the students are opposed to the proposal, it may be dropped.

The Star Ferry Co., Ltd., advertise for sale the two double-ended ferry boats Northern Star and Southern Star. These have been supplanted by the new vessels Golden Star and Meridian Star.

A fine of \$5 was inflicted on a Chinese spectator of this morning's proceedings at the Central Magistracy for spitting in Court. As Mr. Lindsell said, this man made a "horrid mess" of the place.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts are advised from their Shanghai office that Java Consolidated have declared a final dividend of Tls. 21, making Tls. 4 for the year; whilst the Shanghai Gas Company has declared a final dividend of Tls. 2, making Tls. 4 for the year.

The 1st Batt. the East Surrey Regiment were inspected by H. E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.) at the Murray Parade Ground this morning, very smart turn-out being witnessed by a large number of European residents in the Colony.

Rivalry between sampans for passenger business resulted in a general fight aboard the Takada on the steamer's arrival in port yesterday. Two Chinese were injured and were removed to hospital. The police, on being called to investigate the origin of the affair, arrested three men who were alleged to have belonged to the aggressive party.

A party of police officers from the Shamshuiipo Station raided a hut in Kowloon Tsai on Sunday and arrested an unemployed Chinese in possession of one revolver and three rounds of ammunition without a permit. On the application of the prosecution, the defendant was to-day formally remanded by the Kowloon Magistrate until Saturday.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. are in receipt of the following advice from Head Office, Montreal—"The Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, with 550 guest rooms and ample public space, is in full operation. Full programme of Winter Sports will proceed as previously arranged. The fire damage was confined to the old portion of the building which it is intended will be reconstructed by June 1st, 1926."

INDIAN POLITICS.

DRAMATIC SCENES IN ASSEMBLY.

Delhi, March 8.

Crowds thronged the galleries of the Legislative Assembly in anticipation of a lively discussion on the Budget grants, and witnessed a dramatic scene, the Swarajists walking out after an impassioned speech by Nehru Motilal declaring that their co-operation had been declined and they had been ridiculed and humiliated. They sent a message to the people of the United Kingdom that contentment in India was impossible until the system was changed, but the stony hearts of bureaucracy had remained obdurate.

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LEAGUE MEETING.

A DAY OF PRELIMINARIES.

Geneva, March 8.

Animation in the lobbies of the Secretariat was unprecedented when the Council of the League opened its private session to discuss the agenda. There was a huge gathering of journalists in addition to the general public, all discussing possible solutions to the question of the reconstruction of the Council. The consensus of opinion was that Poland was at present out of the running and that Spain and Brazil may give way to facilitate the entry of Germany, though both the latter declare that their attitude of claiming seats is unchanged.

An extraordinary session of the Assembly of the League opened in the afternoon. Viscount Ishii, the Acting President, in a speech said that a meeting of the Assembly at such short notice was unprecedented and proved the efficiency of the League as an international business machine while the event which brought the Assembly together was most significant. The request of a great nation for admission to the League was a sign of the strengthening hopes and consciences of nations.—Reuter.

NEW PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY.

Geneva, March 8.

Dr. Da Costa (Portugal) has been elected President of the League Assembly.—Reuter.

NEW SPIRIT OF LOCARNO.

Geneva, March 8.

In an address to the Assembly after his election as President, Dr. Da Costa dwelt on the new Spirit of Locarno, which made today's fraternity and tomorrow might extend to all nations of the earth.

After electing six Vice-Presidents and members of two Committees, one of which will report on Germany's application for admission to the League, the Assembly adjourned sine die.

There was great public interest in the proceedings, the galleries being packed.—Reuter.

BRITISH OPTIMISM.

Rugby, March 8.

With reference to the informal

INDIA AND OPIUM.

RESTRICTION BEYOND OUR OBLIGATIONS.

London, March 8. Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Earl Winterton, Under Secretary of State for India, outlined the Government of India's opium policy, which, if approved by the Legislature, would go far beyond the international obligations.

Capt. A. U. M. Hudson asked whether adequate publicity would be given in countries where we had been attacked on account of our policy, particularly in the United States and Earl Winterton said he did not know whether that lay in his power, but he hoped that publicity would be given.

Lt.-Col. Fremantle asked whether there was a guarantee that China would not take up the production of opium which was restricted in India, but the Speaker pointed out that that matter did not arise.—Reuter.

conversations on the constitution of the League Council, which are proceeding in Geneva, the general impression in London is that nothing has occurred to increase the difficulties of the problem upon which statesmen are engaged, and that the conversations between them have already served the purpose of removing many of the misconceptions which have grown up during the last fortnight.

There is general regret that M. Briand has had to absent himself from Geneva and that a short delay has occurred in consequence, but it is felt that the value of his assistance in reaching a solution has justified the postponement of the main conversation for a day or two, by which time it is anticipated he will have returned from Paris.

Meanwhile, consultations among all the delegates to the Council, and others particularly interested at the moment in the constitution of that body, are continuing, and there is considerable confidence in British circles that the difficulties will be finally overcome.—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Olimpia Radis of Cebu, the wife of an honest labourer who just manages to earn his daily ration of rice, has just given birth to triplets, which have been named after the three virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity.

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Somebody wants to know when the women will get men's wages. Men might retort they have been getting them all the time.

An advertisement for a baby's feeding bottle gravely states: "When the baby is done drinking it must be unscrewed and laid in a cool place under a tap. If the baby does not thrive on fresh milk, it must be boiled."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle admits the "mistake of his life." "At one theatre where Sherlock Holmes was being played, a boy, in the role of page attracted my attention." Sir Arthur recently said in an address before the Savage Club. "I should have made a fortune if I had sold to that boy 'We will go half and half on whatever we make for all the rest of our lives.' The boy was Chaplin Chaplin."

A wireless order from the steamer Rotterdam for three pounds of flea powder, to be used for the benefit of a cargo of silver foxes, brought about a fiasco at Plymouth in this necessary drug. The whole town had to be searched to fill the order so the 161 foxes could have a little peace and quiet.

In her claim that "old maids" carry on the work of the world, whereas bachelors get crotchet and narrower as they advance in years, Lady Astor, of course, was arrive at their destination whole.

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MR. P. C. POTTS AS COMPLAINANT.

Appearing as complainant in a traffic summons brought before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. P. C. Potts gave details of a motor smash in which his car was involved with another car, on the Fanling Road, on the 29th of last month. The driver of the latter car, which is owned by Mr. Lo Yulin, was charged with not keeping as closely as was possible to his own side of the road while rounding a corner of the road, and also with driving in a manner dangerous to the public.

Mr. Potts said that the accident happened at 5 p.m. while he was being driven in his own car from Fanling. At a corner not far from the Fanling Station, he met the other car, which, on rounding the corner, was in the middle of the road, leaving his own car very little room to pass by. There was in fact, a collision, resulting in damage being done to his own car to the extent of \$70.

Mr. Potts went on to give details of the width of the road, and the respective position of the two cars at the moment of the collision. Owing to the language difficulty, they were unable to understand each other, but Mr. Potts said it appeared to him that the defendant was making out that he (Mr. Potts) was in the wrong. As Mr. Potts was still enabled to drive the car in spite of a bent axle, he proceeded to Sheungshui Police Station where the aid of Sergeant Cargill was secured. A plan was prepared of the scene of the accident, and in the witness box the officer gave evidence substantiating Mr. Potts' statement as regards the width of the road and the position of the two cars.

Defendant said that he sounded his horn (a statement denied by Mr. Potts), and did actually keep as close as possible to his own side of the road.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on each of the two charges. As regards the matter of compensation for the damage done to Mr. Potts' car, his Worship allowed this to stand over for one week to enable the defendant to consult his employer.

ANGLO-TURKISH QUESTIONS.**INTERFERENCE WITH ENGLISH SCHOOL.**

Rugby, March 8. Mr. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons, that no further communications had passed between the British and Turkish Governments for a peaceful settlement of the Mosul frontier question since the return of Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador, from Angora on 28th February. The British Government were carefully considering the instructions to be given to Sir Ronald Lindsay, and it had been decided that the Ambassador should return to this country for consultation.

Mr. Locker Lampson said that meanwhile Sir Ronald Lindsay is paying another visit to Angora in order to take up the case of Turkish action against the English High School for Girls in Constantinople and also certain other cases in violation of the Lausanne Treaty. He confirmed that Turkish officials had threatened to close the school unless a Turkish officer were installed as Turkish teacher and that the school authorities had refused to admit this officer on the ground of his intoxication. Turkish interference had taken the form of forcing unqualified Turkish teachers or schools and insisting on a disproportionate amount of the school time being given to the teaching of Turkish.—*British Wireless*.

Geneva, March 8.

No progress was made to-day towards agreement on the question of enlarging the League Council, although there was much fruitless discussion.—*Reuter*.

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IRELAND BEATS FRANCE.

The annual Rugby match between Ireland and France at Belfast resulted in a win for the former by 11 points to nil. Picture shows Graule (France) passing the ball as he is tackled by an opponent.



Mrs. T. E. Pearce leading in King of Troy (Mr. Haimovitch up), winner of Grand Stand Stakes. (Photo: Ming Yuen.)

CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

DEFICIT OF \$148,000.

Two creditors' petitions were heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at a Bankruptcy Court this morning, in respect of Chinese firms, who had ordered goods, but had not paid for them or accepted delivery.

The debtors in the first case were the partners of the Kwong Luen Hing firm, and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones appeared for the firm.

Messrs. J. D. Hutchison, the petitioning creditors.

Mr. Jones said the debtors were dealers in piece goods, carrying on business at 37 Jervois Street, and the petition was presented on February 6th, when the Official Receiver was appointed interim receiver.

The claim was for \$78,546.67, being amounts due under various contracts for the sale of piece goods.

Against that, the petitioning creditor still had goods, the subjects of the contract, on their hands, and the present value of them had been estimated at \$50,000.

He believed the total claim with other firms were in the region of \$180,000.

The other creditors were still holding goods against the contract, and the present market value of the goods had been estimated at about \$320,000.

There were also goods in the premises which had been valued at \$12,000.

The total liabilities were \$480,000, and the total assets, including those in the hands of the creditors, were \$332,000, leaving a deficit of \$148,000.

The Official Receiver said it seemed to him that the position was dependent on the piece goods market.

Mr. Jones said if there was an improvement in the piece goods market, it would increase the value of the assets.

A short discussion ensued as to the meaning of "substantial assets," and his Lordship, while not deciding, thought it meant there should be substantial assets, and not assets that would enable a substantial sum to be paid the creditors.

Mr. Jones did not think that as some of the debtors' folks were present.

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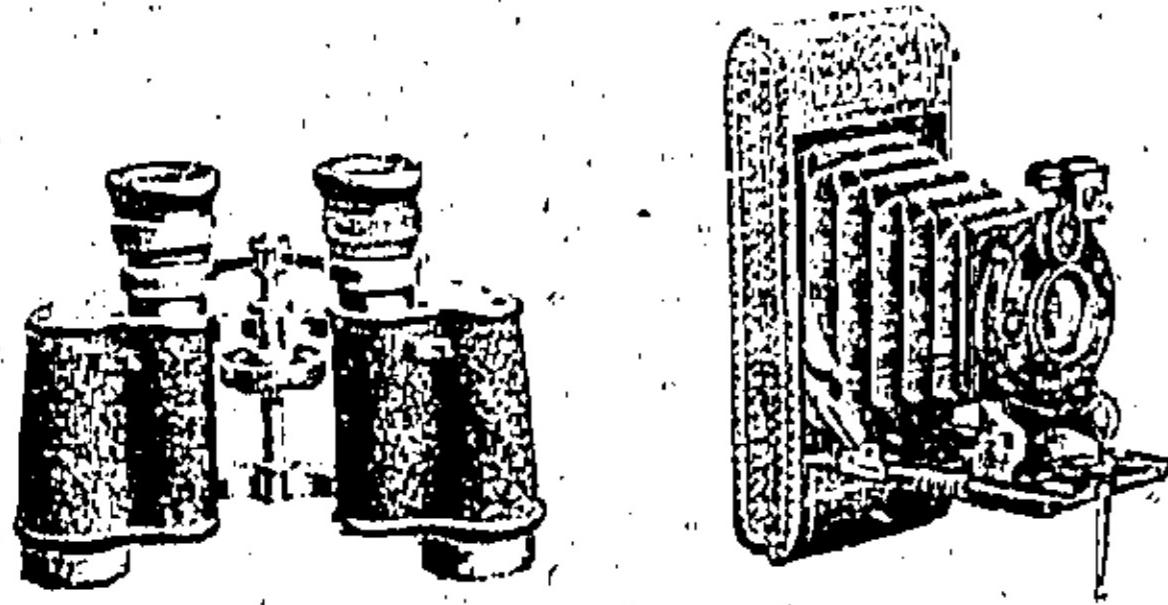
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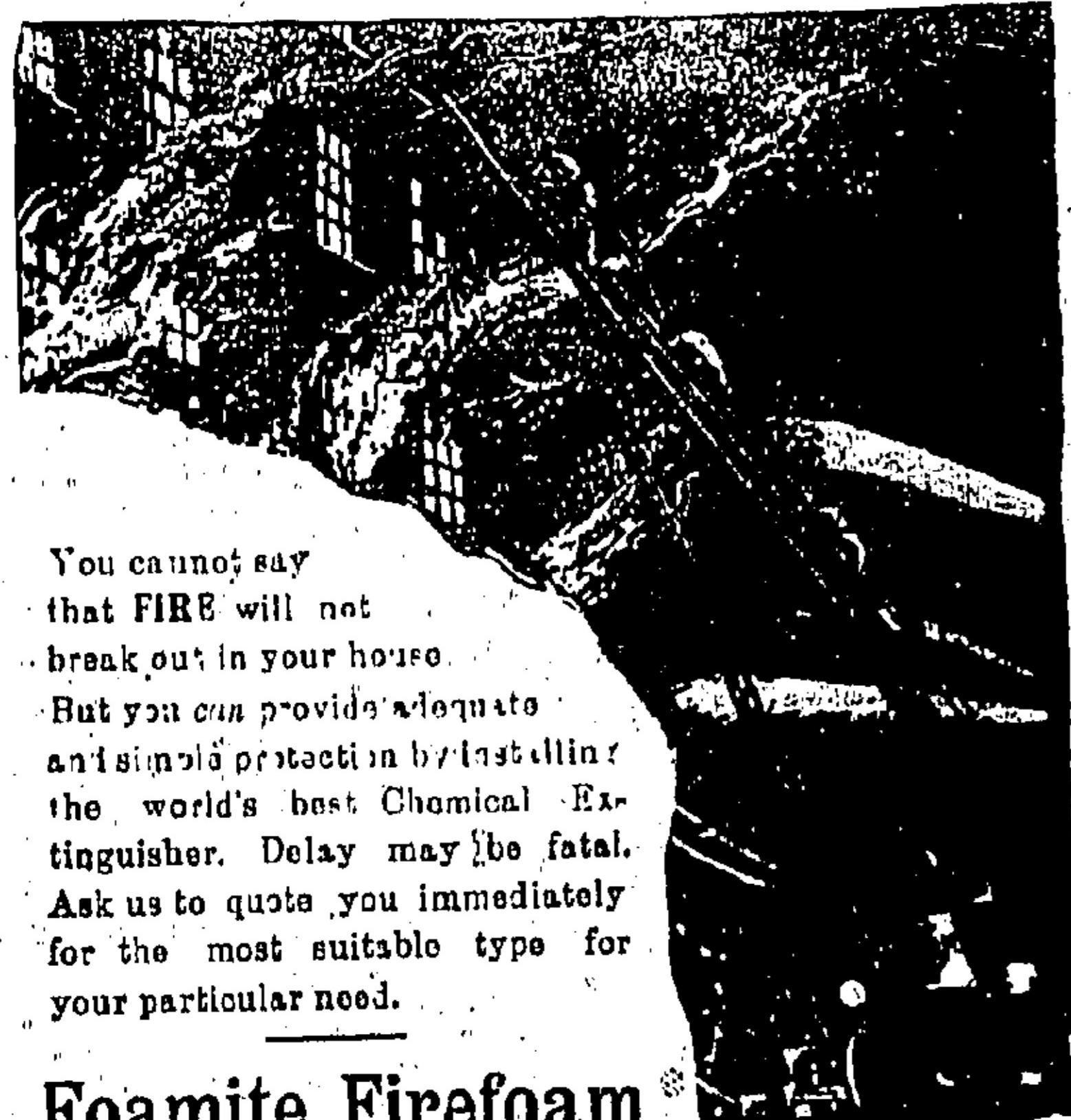
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THE WING ON CASE.

END OF THE LENGTHY CROSS EXAMINATION.

Chief Cashier Called.

The hearing of the Wing On case was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. A former witness, an employee in the Naval Yard, and formerly, an assistant in a printing shop in Canton, was recalled to be cross examined by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton who appears for one of the defendants.

Mr. Elsley Zetlyn continued his cross examination of the assistant cashier, and this was completed yesterday afternoon. He had been cross examined for a period of over four hours extending over three afternoons.

He was closely questioned about the other assistant cashier who was introduced into the banking department, particularly with reference to his illness and death.

In reply to Mr. Hall Brutton, witness said, he knew nothing about another deposit in the name of Tai Os being wrongfully withdrawn.

The principal cashier was then called, and gave details of banking department procedure. Questioned about the deposit books he said that his signature appeared in the forged book but it was not in his writing. The signatures in the other deposit book were his.

He also gave details of the deposit books issued in 1923 which had not been surrendered.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per s.s. President Grant, from Seattle via ports.—Mr. Ah Ning, Mr. W. R. Butchart, Mr. W. F. Choy, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis, Mr. E. Y. B. King, Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Lin, Mrs. Y. K. Mak, Master Mak, Mr. and Mrs. G. Otten, Dr. and Mrs. Edward W. Peel, Mr. A. G. Sweeney, Mr. H. J. Shing, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Shong, Mr. K. Tagimoto, Mr. W. B. Yung, Mr. S. K. Yu, Mr. S. S. Yu, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Arthur, Mrs. A. J. Brent, Miss Jane Brent, Miss June Brent, Mr. J. E. Burke, Mrs. P. K. Coons, Mr. P. Clover, Prof. L. Fernandez, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Frandorf, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Gold, Mr. E. O. Kullstrom, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Peckard, Miss G. Reidinger, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. J. Summers, and Mr. W. E. Williams.

STREET FRACAS.

FIGHTING BETWEEN INDIANS AND CHINESE.

One Man Injured.

A fight occurred between Indians and Chinese in Star Street, Wan-chai, yesterday afternoon, and as a result a Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from an injury to the head.

It appears that the trouble arose when an Indian watchman remonstrated with a Chinese boy, and scolded him, for throwing rice. Some Chinese in the street resented the Indian's attitude, and a fracas developed.

Two or three Indians and a party of Chinese were involved, and in the struggle, one of the Chinese was struck on the head. Stones were thrown, before the fight was stopped.

It was alleged that the Chinese was struck on the head by some instrument, but it seems likely that his wound was caused by a flying stone.

PEKING CABINET.

NOMINEES FAIL TO ACCEPT.

Peking, March 8. The week-end has not improved the Cabinet situation.

Messrs. W. W. Yen, Yang Wen-kai, Ma Chun-wu and Tu Hsi-kuei have all failed to accept portfolios. —*Reuters*.

DOSSET CASE RECALLED.

FORTUNATOFF'S FUND CONFISCATED.

\$10,000 Found on Soviet Doctor.

The \$10,000 found on Eugeno Fortunatoff at the time of his arrest last July on a charge of attempting to bribe R.C.C. Kadolivansky, was last week ordered to be confiscated by the Shanghai Mixed Court authorities.

Mr. E. T. Maitland appeared before Assessor Whitamore and Magistrate Zou and made an application on behalf of the police for the confiscation of the money, which it was alleged was for the purpose of bribing the officer.

Mr. Maitland stated that the accused was arrested with the bribe money in his possession and was granted bail when he appeared before the court in the sum of \$10,000. He absconded and the bail money was forfeited. The bribe money was placed in a sealed envelope and is now in the Finance Department and he asked for its confiscation, as the accused had not appeared for the past six months.

The order was granted.

The forthcoming jubilee celebrations of the American Library Association have raised a question as to the oldest existing circulating library in the States. The honour seems to belong to the Library Company of Philadelphia, founded, chiefly through the efforts of Benjamin Franklin, in 1731, and still flourishing as a kind of transatlantic equivalent of the London Library. Franklin acted as librarian for a while, and afterwards was the library's buying agent in London from 1760 till 1775. The collection now totals over a quarter of a million volumes.

SHANGHAI BATTLE.

KIDNAPPING GANG RUN TO EARTH.

Victims Rescued.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 8. A small army of Chinese soldiers and police, accompanied by several Settlement foreign detectives, engaged in a pitched battle, lasting for hours, firing hundreds of shots, in rounding up kidnapping band which a month ago kidnapped the compradore of Jardine's cotton mill at Yangtze-poo, also carrying off his chauffeur.

Disclosures by suspects who were arrested yesterday located the headquarters of the gang in a house in Chinese territory.

After hours of firing, three of the kidnappers were killed, whilst two escaped.

Four women were arrested; and the compradore and his chauffeur were rescued.

PROPERTY SALE.

DES VOEUX ROAD LOT AT GOOD PRICE.

The Tai You Company Site.

A property situated in Des Voeux Road Central fetched a good price at the China Auction Room's yesterday afternoon, when put up by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza although there were few potential buyers present and the sale closed with only ten bids received.

The property consisted of the remaining portions of Inland Lots Nos. 1550 and 1557, with the buildings thereon known as 243 and 246 Des Voeux Road Central, premises at present in the occupancy of the Tai You Company, Limited. Comprising a total area of 1,582 square feet and held under leases for the term of 999 years, the proportion of Crown Rent payable is \$27.50 per annum.

Opening at \$115,000 with bids of \$500 acceptable, the lot was knocked down to Messrs. Ho Sui-ping and Say-hing at \$120,000.

All the best-dressed women appear to be wearing silver kid evening shoes at present. Lady Louis Mountbatten is among those who have helped to popularise this fashion. In Paris, however, the latest fad is for women to "have" their monograms in paste or diamonds on the toes of their dance slippers, the latter being generally of plain black satin.

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ENGLISH CUP.

DRAW FOR SEMI-FINAL.

London, March 8. The Association Cup draw for the semi-finals to be played on March 27th resulted as follows:

Manchester City versus Manchester United, at Bramall Lane, Sheffield.

Swansea versus Notts Forest or Bolton, at Tottenham.—Reuter.

LEAGUE RESULT.

In the second division Clapton Orient and Blackpool drew two goals all.—Reuter.

FANLING HUNT.

POINT-TO-POINT RACE SUGGESTED.

It has been suggested that a Point-to-Point Race should be held on Sunday, starting from behind Mr. Pott's bungalow, at Fan Ling, at 11 a.m. The course would be over typical hunting country, and the distance about four or five miles. If sufficient entries are forthcoming, two courses will be run, a heavy weight (165 lbs), and a light-weight (150 lbs), but otherwise there will only be one race. A sweep of \$2 each pony will be divided between the first heavyweight, and the first lightweight pony. The object of Sunday's race will be experimental, to work out courses for pukka Point-to-Point races, which it is hoped to hold in future during hunting seasons.

Intending competitors are asked to send their names into Dr. Pierce Grove, Alexandra Buildings, before Friday, so that the joint masters can decide whether sufficient support is forthcoming to run on Sunday next.

LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S TOURNAMENT GAMES.

Several more matches in the Hongkong C. C. Club tournament were played off yesterday. In a Club singles match, A. H. Crook showed that advancing years do not affect his game much, and he played some delightful shots in beating T. D. E. Pendered by three sets to one.

The brothers Lo were seen in a doubles match, and won with ease in three straight sets.

G. W. Sewell and F. A. Redmond had a struggle in their open singles match. Sewell took the first two sets for the loss of eight games, and then lost the next after eleven all had been called. However, he took the fourth and the match.

The scores were as follow:

Open Singles; G. W. Sewell beat F. A. Redmond 6-4, 6-4, 11-13, and 6-1; W. B. Stevenson beat S. A. Hussain 6-1, 6-3 and 6-3.

Club singles; A. H. Crook beat T. D. E. Pendered 5-7, 6-0, 6-3 and 6-2.

Open Doubles; M. K. and M. W. Lo beat G. and J. Rouger 6-3, 6-1 and 6-3.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY MATCH.

The following will be the teams in the match between Dr. Ponsonby Fane's Educational XI against the University "Phoenixes" tomorrow, at 2 p.m., on the University ground:

Dr. Ponsonby Fane's XI.—Dr. F. Ponsonby Fane (Capt.), A. E. Wood, A. S. Hatt, F. J. de Rome, Prof. F. A. Redmond, W. M. Gittins, Rev. W. T. Featherstone, T. J. Price, T. E. Yeo, Dr. D. K. Samy and J. L. Youngs.

University "Phoenixes"—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), H. N. Baluchet, B. P. Ng, C. W. Lam, S. O. Shahabudin, D. Luang, S. Hachiuma, E. Zimern, B. N. Sudan, H. Y. Leong and S. V. Gittins.

HOCKEY.

MATCH CANCELLED.

The match arranged between the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI and Submarine Flotilla "A" for this afternoon has been cancelled.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong, \$1,030 b.

Chartered, £214 n.

Mercantile A. & B., \$30 b.

Mercantile C., £134 b.

P. and O., \$94 n.

East Asia, \$77 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$600 b.

China Underwriters, \$1,75 b.

North China, Tls. 145 n.

Unions, \$280 b.

Yangtze, \$44 b.

Fire Ins.

China Firs., \$165 b.

Hongkong Fire, \$544 sa.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$30 n.

Steamboats, \$234 b.

Tugs, \$21 b.

Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.

Shell Trans., \$93/2 b.

Star Ferries, \$624 b.

Waterbarrels, \$15 b.

Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$27 b.

Malabons, \$39 n.

Mining.

Bougquets, \$150 n.

Kallans, 42/6 b.

Langkaws, Tls. 23 b.

Shai Explorations, Tls. 5.00 b.

Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.

Raubs, \$500 b.

Tronohs, 55/- b.

Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$126 b.

Whampoa Docks, \$60 b.

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New Engineerings, Tls. 5 s.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 941 s.

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China Buses, Tls. 101 b.

China Lights, \$21 b.

China Prov., \$25 b.

Constructions, \$3 s.

Dairy Farms, \$18 b.

Der A. Wing, \$10 n.

Electrics, \$61 b.

Macao Electrics, \$40 n.

Developments, 25 cents.

Ropes, \$35 s.

Tramways, \$25 sa.

Lane Crawfords, \$11 s.

Mackintosh, \$214 n.

Peak Trans., \$164 b.

Sincers, \$11 s.

Taxis, \$4 s.

United Asbestos, \$20 n.

Watsons (Old), \$12 s.

Watsons (New), \$12 s.

Powells, \$10 n.

Telephones, \$31 b.

HOURS OF LABOUR.

FIVE-POWER CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

Rugby, March 8.

The Ministry of Labour in London has now received answers from Germany, Belgium, France and Italy about the meeting of the Conference to which they have been invited by the British Government.

They all accept the date suggested and the Conference will therefore open in London on March 15th.

The agenda is to be restricted to

consideration of a Convention for the adoption of standard hours of labour in the five countries.

The Washington Convention providing for a forty-eight hour week, has not been ratified by any of those Powers except Italy, and Italy's ratification was made contingent on ratification by others. There is therefore, in effect, no Italian ratification.

One of the reasons for the general refusal to ratify

the Washington Convention is that its provisions are in some important respects so vague that widely

conflicting interpretations are

given to them.

When the London Conference meets on March 15th, an attempt will be made, first of all, to agree on a common interpretation of the Washington Convention.

If such an agreement is reached, the Conference will then discuss whether

the five nations are now prepared

to put into effect the forty-eight

hour week. It is understood that

the British Government is in

favour of that policy.—British

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London, 12th February.—The Cologne correspondent of the Times states that Dr. Zetz Freiburg of the Cologne University claims that he has discovered in the Witch's Valley in the Black Forest the habitation of prehistoric man flourishing 25,000 to 30,000 years ago. Researches in the same neighbourhood have unearthed bones dating from the ice age and large quantities of prehistoric flint implements.

THE TEST MATCHES.
London, 19th February.—The new *Widener's Almanac* administers a warning to the English optimists who base the chances of England in the forthcoming Tests on the misfortunes in the luck of the toss and the small margins in the last series of matches. Their optimism may be rudely shocked, mainly owing to the Australian's battling solidity. The three factors in favour of England will be that they are playing their natural three-day game, using the six-ball over and Test will be better supported. Mischievous result unless the selectors use sound judgment with courage, and stick to their opinions, even if any of the men momentarily fail. The team must be better managed than in 1921, when a professional player wandered the streets of Nottingham late at night on the eve of a match, seeking a bed. The suggestion to suspend county cricket makes the Tests too much of a fetish.

BULGARIA'S GOODWILL.
London, 16th February.—The Times Berlin correspondent says that Bulgaria as a proof of goodwill has agreed to accept half the Greek indemnity due under the League's decision of the 16th December.

The remainder is promised on the 15th March.

FIGHTING CANCER.

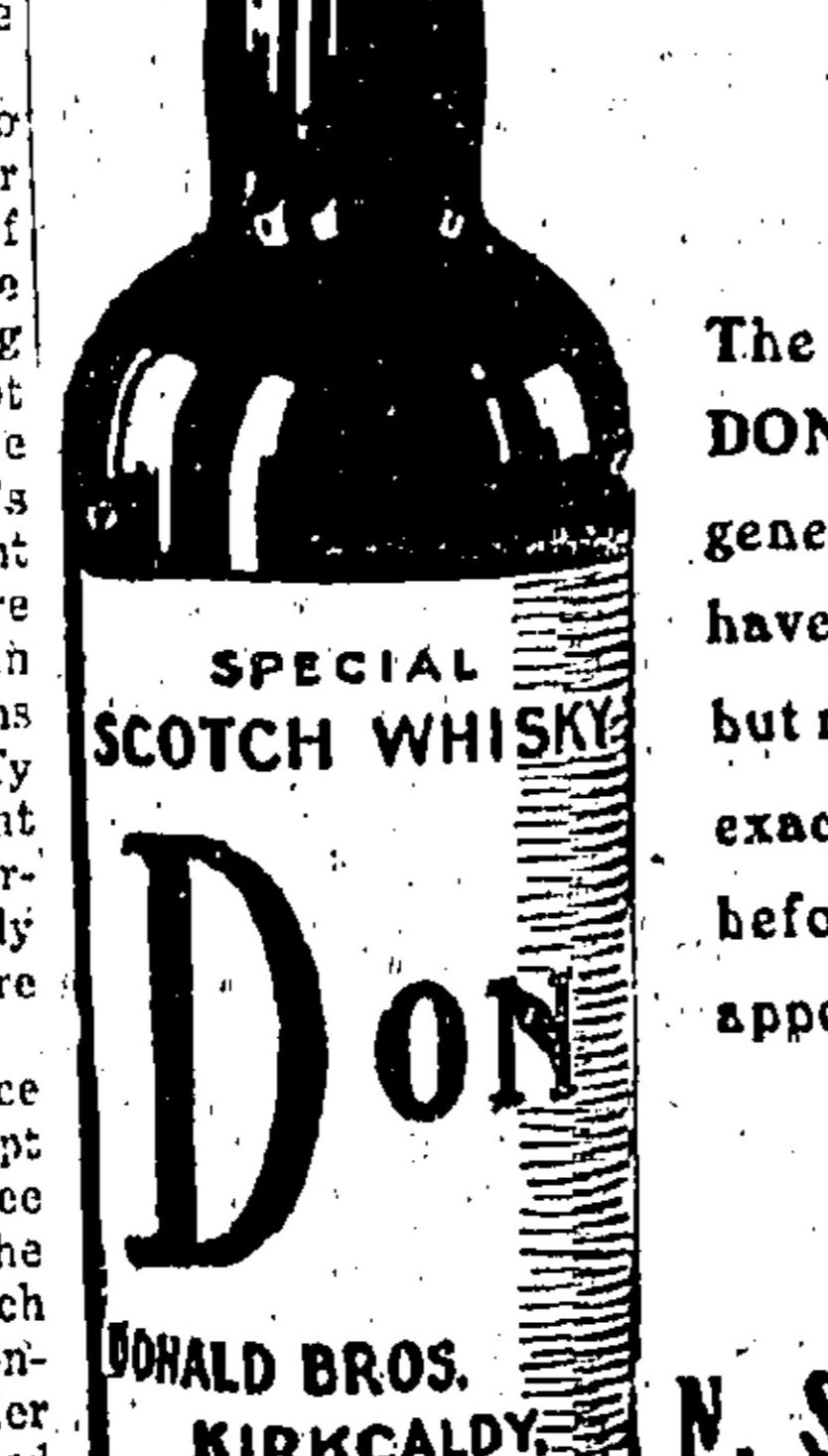
London, 16th February.—The Times Berlin correspondent says that Josef Schumacher claims that by using new staining methods he has isolated the cancer bacillus, present in enormous quantities, making one-tenth of the cancerous tissues. It is never present in healthy tissue but the great mass found in the dividing line between the diseased and the normal tissue advances into the healthy tissue like a wall. He has not yet made cultures.

London, Feb. 11.—The crying need for working class houses in Scotland and the most acceptable method of coping with the problem was discussed in the House of Commons when the supplementary estimates for the erection of two thousand steel sections came up. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, although he criticised them, said his party had come to the conclusion that it must vote in favour of the erection of the houses on economic grounds.

London, Feb. 11.—The story of a girl found drawing a rickshaw in Peking is told in the native press. The report states that a member of the Ministry of War hired a rickshaw at the Teh Sheng Men Gate and when half way to his office, the figure in the shafts stopped and asked for payment. Discovering "he" was a girl under twenty years of age, the passenger gave her fifty coppers and took another rickshaw, says the story.

CHINA'S Labour dissent. While Mr. Maxton emphasised the Labour difference, declaring his intention to vote against the estimates.

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